

## **Greece future**

On this Month June 2014 in my college campus I met a diplomatic official that came from Greece, Ambassador Michel Spinellis, Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations. Before I met him my knowledge was not enough to understand Greece's situation. When I heard his talk on Greece I stated to understand more what was going on in Greece and this opined my mind to know more about Greece and its diplomatic relations.

When I was a participating in a seminar with the Greece diplomatic official, I realized that Greece was suffering from a financial crisis. With the financial crisis I know with Greece unemployment rate is higher than other European countries. The economic situation and business atmosphere was not enough to show their pride. So, the Greece's government is starting to make business partnerships with Egypt and Israel. Until the late 20th centuries Greece generally made a business partnership with the other European countries but these days Greece is making a business partnership with China. If we are thinking about these days Greece's business partnerships with other countries, we can understand why Greece wants to make a business partnership with China. Because China has become the second largest economic power in the world, Greece can bring in financial aid from China and also Greece can build up their infrastructure with using the Chinese construction companies' participation and human resources. Also, China can export manufactured products to Greece. Furthermore, they can bring more Chinese tourists. As time goes by the Chinese economic situation is getting better and better, they will get a better financial condition. The Chinese business will invest their money and human resources to straighten Greece's business sectors.



*Sungjae Lee with H.E. Michel Spinellis, Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations*

Some other EU members such as Germany and France have a good situation with financial and industrial structure. They are trying to improve Greece's economy but this has not been enough to save Greece's economy. Because compared to China Germany and France's economy is not as big as China's. In other words China has more options to support Greece's economy. Not only as a good financial condition but also has more business know how.

Greece's government as fast as possible wants to escape the financial crisis. By the Greece's government compared to both countries Germany and France the Chinese government can save Greece by improving Greece's economy. That's way Greece's government official wants to focus on making diplomatic relations with China.

We can also focus on another one of Greece's trails to make a diplomatic partnership with Israel. Still now Israel has high quality scientific technology that can help support Greece's manufacture

industry. Between Greece and Israel they can make a military partnership. Because of tensions between Greece and Turkey, Greece wants to use Israel's military support and military technology to help them.

Greece's is a beautiful country with a long historic back ground so many people wants to visit it. It is also located in the Mediterranean Sea and many people want to visit Greece these days. But these day's Greece is suffering from a finical crisis, so Greece's government want to make a diplomatic partnership with China and Israel. If Greece will make a successful business partnership with China and also a business and military partnership with Israel, it will make a good chance to escape from there finical crisis and Greece will develop domestic industry.

Many people are interested in Greece's diplomatic trails and straightening there nations power and Greece trails wants to make diplomatic relations with other countries. This trails is not only for Greece but other countries can make more business values. With each other they can improve the diplomatic and industrial qualities of there countries.

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